

Please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, delete the TITLE in its entirety and replace therewith the following: --
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE INCLUDING A PHASE DIFFERENCE PLATE FOR
IMPROVING VIEWING ANGLE DEPENDENCE--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a liquid crystal display element including:
a pair of light-transmitting substrates each including a transparent
electrode layer and an alignment layer on the surface thereof facing
the other, and
a liquid crystal layer sandwiched by the light-transmitting substrates and
constituted by a liquid crystal material of which the refractive index
anisotropy is specified to vary with wavelengths of rays of light
within a range that allows no viewing-angle dependent coloration to
occur [on a liquid crystal screen] to an image displayed on the
liquid crystal display element;
a pair of polarizers disposed so as to sandwich the liquid crystal display element;

and
at least one phase difference plate disposed between the liquid crystal display element and the pair of polarizers,
wherein the phase difference plate has three principal refractive indices n_a , n_b , and n_c being mutually related by the inequality $n_a < n_b < n_c$, and the principal refractive index n_b inclines to the normal to a surface of the phase difference plate.

Add new claims 29 and 30 that read as follows:

29. (Added) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a liquid crystal display element including
a liquid crystal layer sandwiched by a pair of light-transmitting substrates each having an electrode layer provided thereon;
a pair of polarizers disposed so as to sandwich the liquid crystal display element; and
at least one phase difference plate disposed between the liquid crystal display element and the pair of polarizers,
wherein the improvement comprises that
the phase difference plate has three principal refractive indices n_a , n_b , and n_c being mutually related by the inequality $n_a < n_b < n_c$, and the principal refractive index n_b inclines to the normal to a surface of the phase

difference plate, and that
the liquid crystal layer is constituted by a liquid crystal material of which the
refractive index anisotropy is specified to vary with wavelengths of rays of
light within a range that allows no viewing-angle dependent coloration to
occur on a displayed image.

30. (Added) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a liquid crystal display element including

a liquid crystal layer sandwiched by a pair of light-transmitting substrates

each having an electrode layer provided thereon;

a pair of polarizers disposed so as to sandwich the liquid crystal display
element; and

at least one phase difference plate disposed between the liquid crystal
display element and the pair of polarizers,

wherein the improvement comprises that

the phase difference plate has three principal refractive indices n_a , n_b , and n_c

being such that $n_a = n_c > n_b$, and the principal refractive indices n_a and n_c

being parallel to the surface of the phase difference plate, the principal

refractive index n_b being parallel to the normal to the surface, and that

the liquid crystal layer is constituted by a liquid crystal material of which the

refractive index anisotropy is specified to vary with wavelengths of rays of

light within a range that allows no viewing-angle dependent coloration to